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## NECROLOGY.

**George H. McMaster**, a member of the South Carolina Historical Society, passed quietly away, after an illness of several weeks, at his home in Winnsboro on the 18th of July last. He was remarkably public-spirited, giving himself to every enterprise that was calculated to help the people of his town, county or State with a courage and enthusiasm that won for him the admiration and respect of even the most bitter opponents.

He was a ready and vigorous writer, and his communications to the county and State papers have been a great service to his people.

He was born April 28, 1828. He was a son of John McMaster, a soldier in the War of 1812, and Rachel Buchanan McMaster. His grand-father was Hugh McMaster, an early settler in the Calhoun settlement, Ninety Six District, and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His early education was received at Mount Zion, under James H. Hudson. He was graduated from the South Carolina College in 1850. Gen. John Bratton, Col. James H. Rion and Rev. R. W. Barnwell were among his classmates. After graduation he taught for several years, taking an extended tour of Europe in the meantime.

During the war he did great service for his country by caring for needy Confederate soldiers in the Soldiers' Home, at Richmond, presided over by himself and most estimable wife, who was Miss May Flenniken, and by whom he had several children. Four of these survive him : Mrs. W. A. Beaty, of Winnsboro, F. H. McMaster, of Charleston, and George B. and Miss Mary McMaster of Winnsboro.

After the war he returned to Winnsboro, engaging in the

mercantile business, in which he was largely successful. He was for several years president of the Winnsboro National Bank. In 1880 he was elected to the Legislature, serving his county most acceptably for several years in this capacity.

In 1876, his first wife having died, Mr. McMaster was married to Miss Louisa Gregg, of Darlington. She survives him, together with six children : Miss Bessie, John Gregg, Misses Rachel, Louise, Flora and Winnie.

He was a brother of the late Col. F. W. McMaster, of Columbia, and leaves a brother, Mr. R. N. McMaster, of Winnsboro.

His remains were interred in the cemetery of the A. R. P. Church, of which he was long a member.

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**James M. Eason**, a member of the South Carolina Historical Society, died at his home, 114 Beaufain Street, in the city of Charleston, Wednesday morning, September 3, 1902, in the 44th year of his age. He was born, reared and educated in Charleston, and upon reaching man's estate entered into mercantile pursuits in his native city, being for many years connected with the Shepherd Supply Company. In 1898 he was appointed Auditor of Charleston County to succeed his uncle, W. G. Eason, deceased, and served out the term ending with the same year. Shortly after retiring from the Auditor's office he was appointed Deputy Sheriff of Charleston County by Sheriff J. Elmore Martin, and this position he held at the time of his death. Mr. Eason married Miss Marie Gary, of Abbeville County, S. C., who, with five children, survives him.

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